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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 2 December 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Sheldon, [] Mr. []

Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked DD/I to provide him with a [] report that the USSR had said they were prevented from aiding underdeveloped countries because of the US arms buildup.

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c. Noted that [] is arriving in headquarters on TDY and stated he wanted to see him.

d. Reported that he had a long talk with [] who indicated to him that [] runs the show.

e. Discussed State cable 649 from [] on the CAT contract problem and Col. White said it appeared to be hung up in State and that he had a report that ICA was not going to finance the program. Col. White recommended that the Director call Mr. Robertson at State and perhaps also Mr. Hollister. Mr. Amory pointed out the urgency of the matter and stated that per-

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f. Discussed the sending of special news clippings to the field. Mr. [] said the Divisions, on an independent basis, send out to the field items from time to time but that most of it is in the form of magazine articles and reported that a number of publications are sent en toto to the field. Action: Mr. [] to see Col. Grogan.

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h. Discussed cable IN 36156 from [] regarding the problem. General Cabell suggested that we tell Amb. [] that we had heard that [] was not too much in the graces of [] and asked that without reference to our understanding to the cause of this ask [] to try to build him up and to destroy his reputation as a "no" man. The Director said he would take this up at a high level in the State Department.

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i. Said he had a letter from Bill Donovan asking for contribution to the [] Memorial Fund and stated he thought all contributions should be strictly on a personal basis but it might be good if all of [] CIA friends sent their contributions in at one time.

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j. Discussed briefly his report to the NSC of yesterday with particular reference to the Afghanistan problem.

General Cabell:

Reported that the Committee discussing the Air Volunteer Group was getting nowhere because the Defense member reported he was attending only as an observer and could not extend his participation beyond his instructions. Gen. Cabell said he had talked to Gordon Gray about this and that they would attempt to do something about it.

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Mr. Wisner:

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b. Reported the joint interdepartmental paper on [] and [] is nearing completion and looks good. He said he would talk with [] about this.

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c. Reported on his talk with Bob Murphy dealing primarily with [] situation. Mr. Amory mentioned State was jogging their [] people on their reporting. Mr. Wisner said he would send a copy of his memorandum on the [] situation to Gen. Cabell for possible use at NSC on Monday.

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d. Said he had a report from Bill Godel and that the high brass in Defense was now leaning toward letting State or CIA chair the Countersubversion Committee.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Reported on the [] case and stated [] reversed his decision to resign after all possible explanations had been given him of the value to resign rather than be terminated. Stated a great deal of work had been done in this case and that since [] refused to resign, recommended he be terminated as of today by the Director. The Director asked those present if all approved and since there was no dissent he ordered the termination effective this date.

b. Asked if the Director wanted a documentary compiled on Congressional visits behind the Iron Curtain, or would it be satisfactory just to pull all material together in a central place. The Director approved the latter.

c. Reported that in connection with the manpower survey good progress was being made and that an interim report would be ready on schedule by the 15th of December. General Cabell asked that he be furnished this in draft form.

d. Said [] would be up for reassignment soon and wondered if we were interested in him. He has done one tour with the Agency. Mr. [] stated he is a good man and that we can always find a place for him but the time had come for [] to decide whether he wanted his career with [] or CIA. Mr. [] will talk with []

Col. White:

Reported there would be a full page in the Sunday Star on the use of the Langley site by CIA. He said he did not know what the tone of the layout would be but that the Star had been, by and large, fairly impartial so far.

Warned the Director that [] may attempt to call on the phone or see him and reported on his conversation with []. Recommended that the Director not see him.

Mr. Amory:

a. Reported that [] had announced as a Xmas present he was going to raise all of his staff to the level of GS-16. We have one man on detail with him []. He had told [] we had no objection but we might, upon taking him back, have to take him at his regular grade of GS-15.

b. Asked if there was a possibility of using [] on the Board of National Estimates and [] stated he believed State has a heavy program for [] and that he would not be available.

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